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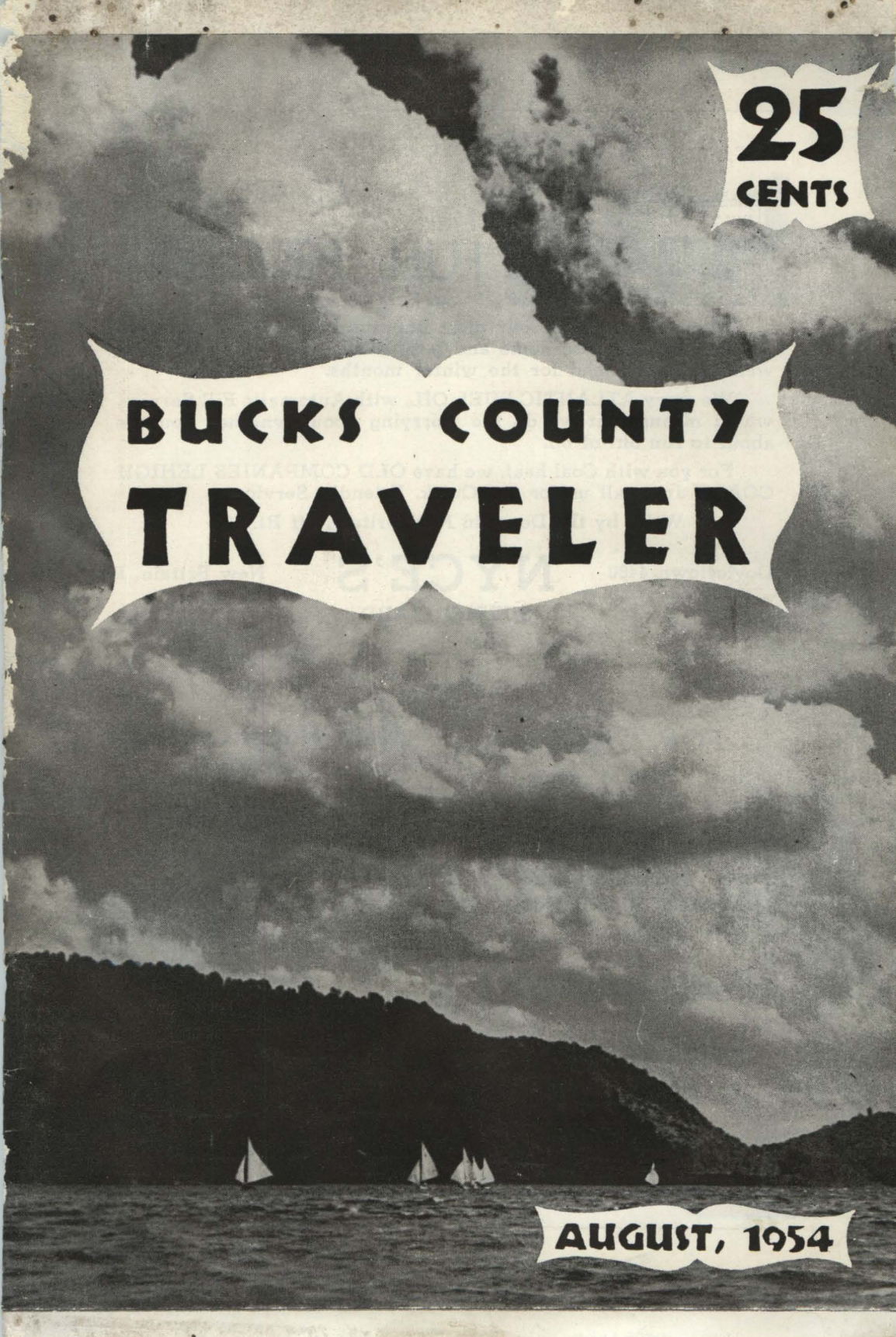

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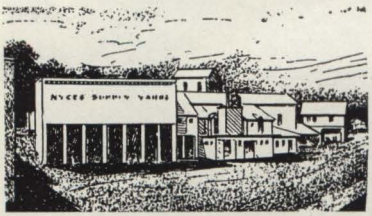

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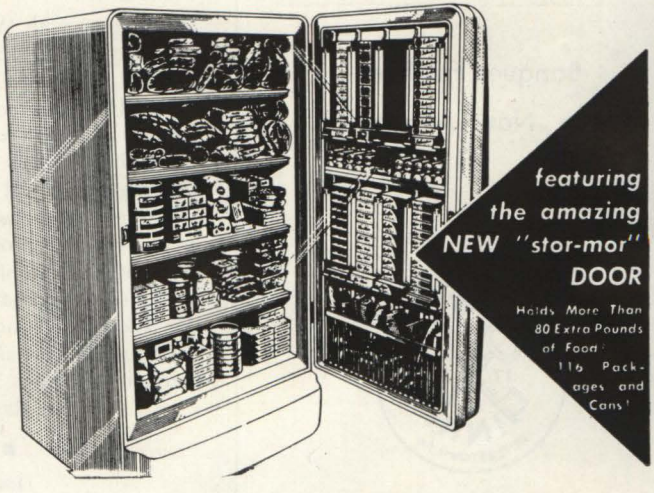

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Cover Picture

In a mood of August leisure, New Hope photographer George Bailey catches the fresh coolness of sailing on the Delaware.

LETTERS

Methodist Church
New Hope, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I disagree with William Levitt's contention that he is "in the middle" on the problem of segregation in Levittown (TRAVELER, June). When the project started, he could perfectly well have announced that here was housing for all who needed it and that it would be sold on a "first come, first served" basis. Surely the housing problem is so acute that even those who objected to such a ruling would eventally have come to accept it. We know that once inter-racial projects start, people of all kinds live *together* perfectly happily.

The Rev. Vernon M. Murray

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House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Your article on the negro problem in Levittown is excellent, for it points to the problem without misplacing the blame for the situation.

Karl C. King
8th Dist. Pennsylvania

Levittown, Pa.

Gentlemen:

We have just moved to Bucks County from Detroit, Michigan. I am very anxious to learn about my new community, its interesting places, its scenic beauties, opportunities, etc. Also, I expect visitors from home and I don't want them to miss too much either.

Could you map out for me a "Cook's Tour" of Bucks County, taking in the lovely old section, the fabulous farmhouses, etc., or direct me where I might obtain that information. What I'd like is a tour guide taking a leisurely Sunday or early evening auto ride.

I thank you for whatever help you might give me.

Elizabeth F. Swift

(The readers' slightest wish . . . Traveler's first Motor Trip Column appears on Page 9 this month. Future trips will take Mrs. Swift and friends to other parts of the county and to "fabulous farmhouses." Ed.)

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New Hope, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I was Born at Kellers Church. Mixed, mixed all the mortar & Wheeled it to the masons at the church. I think then the Luthern & Reform Church, meeting on alternate Sundays. Our Home was down a long lane at bottom of a cemetery.

My Father Michael Knaly worked the farm about less than 60 akers and boated coal for Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co. to both New York & also to Phila. It would be a long story to quote the canal. It Dates back over ½ century. I, T. A. Knaly, soon in my 79 year, Aug. 29, 1954, I have a Deed all wrote by hand which I think the Bucks Co. Historical Society would like.

T. A. Knaly

P.S. If not to much trouble would like to have murder of Tufle. Killed wify in cabin of canal boat and he Tufel hung in Doylestown.

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OLD TRAVELER

MRS. Sadie Cadwallader, one of the first subscribers to the Bucks County Traveler, now lives in Phoenix, Arizona. Her ancestors first came to Bucks County in 1682. She writes, "I am still homesick for Bucks County." In her letter she enclosed an old program of a celebration held in 1889 on the Tennent farm near Hartsville. This was the site of the Old Log College which was the beginning of Princeton University.

The Old Log College was founded in 1726 by Dr. Tennent, who with his four sons taught those who were desirous of obtaining an education to qualify them for the pulpit. The program she sent us shows that among the speakers were President Benjamin Harrison, Postmaster General John Wanamaker and James A. Beaver who was Governor of Pennsylvania at that time.

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AS a teenager, baseball players were my heroes. A tiny lithographed picture of the leading ball players of the nineties was attached to each box of Sweet Caporal cigarettes (priced 10 cigarettes for 5c, in a neat box.) I had a complete collection of the pictures and learned to smoke. Caught smoking by my grand-dad one day I was marched to the bath room and behind locked door was given a cigar. He insisted the cigar was more manly and suggested that he never wanted to catch me smoking a cigarette again. I puffed through half the cigar when my stomach and head rebelled. I haven't smoked a cigar since, and I am past seventy.

I switched my allegiance to Greenback tobacco, (5c a bag). Attached was a small photograph of an actress, either in tights or a low neck gown. My mother insisted I destroy them, so I hid my collection of 35 or more in the hay loft. I loved to look at them (especially the bulky ones) and still do.

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A wholesale tobacco dealer advertised in a Doylestown paper, dated November 23, 1867, that he had 200,000 cigars on hand, priced from $16.00 to $80.00 per thousand. Plug tobacco was 70c to 85c a pound, and Twist 87c a pound. Fine Cut chewing tobacco, honey flavored, he advertised at $1.15 a pound and Kentucky smoking tobacco only 29c a pound by the barrel.

Today 5c cigars sell at $40.00 per thousand wholesale according to a Quakertown tobacconist. Fine cut and twist is no longer sold in Bucks County. This same Quakertown dealer sold 52,000 cigars of one brand at 5c each last year. Its name, Clemmers Smokers. These, in addition to many of the 22 other brands he carries, show that there are still some cigar smokers left.

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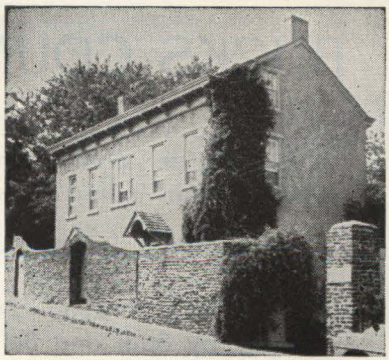
SINCE the cigar industry is but a memory, what work in Upper Bucks now employs most of our women and men? This is the decision of what is left of the crackers barrel set in their usual chairs on the porch of the old Bush House in Quakertown—h o s i e r y, men's clothing, women's wear, in that order. Then these old timers debated—how many hosiery mills are there in the county? No one knew. Even I, the county's acknowledged statistician, couldn't even guess. None of the county officials in Doylestown could tell me. From talking with a number of the hosiery mill executives, I ventured a guess—there are some 150 plants in the county making some part of women's hosiery—some knit, some dye, some finish. Also there are single knitting machines in homes, probably 25 homes. You run into the signs along the roadsides—Three pair for $3.90 seamless or with seams.

Hosiery plants are closing in Philadelphia but they still flourish in Bucks. How many really, I'll tell you next month. How accurate? You know the old wheeze —little lies, big lies and then there are statistics. How long before the industry folds? Perhaps 25 years. Women won't be wearing stockings then, and probably little else. *—Henry L. Freking*



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AUGUST 9th through 14th—MURRAY HAMILTON in "STALAG 17."

AUGUST 16th through 24th—"TWO BLIND MICE," another comedy by Sam and Bella Spewack.

AUGUST 23rd through 28th—JEROME COWAN in the world premiere of the new Leslie Stevens comedy, "THE CHAMPAGNE COMPLEX."

AUGUST 30th through SEPT. 11th (2 weeks)—BILLIE WORTH and DONALD BURR in the Lerner-Loewe musical comedy, "THE DAY BEFORE SPRING."

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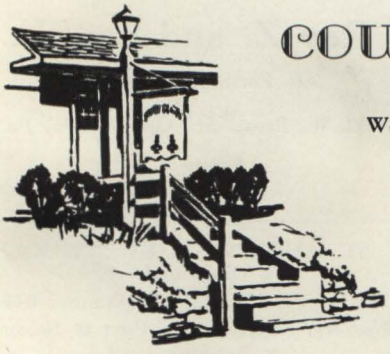

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A listing of Points of Interest in Bucks County open to the General Public. Any corrections, suggestions or recommendations will be welcomed by this magazine.

Bucks County Historical Museum—At Ashland and Pine Streets, Doylestown. A large and varied collection of fascinating historical items from thimbles to hay-wagons. Open weekdays from 8 to 5. Sundays 1-5 p. m. No children under 16 admitted without an adult. **Historical Library**—Open from 9 to noon and 1 to 5. Closed Saturday and Sunday.

Lenape Park, Perkasie. For picnicking and boating. Free.

Mercer Fonthill Museum—On East Court Street, Doylestown. The private collection of the late Henry Mercer, founder and builder of the Historical Museum. Open weekdays from 1 to 4.

Mercer Tileworks. The famed Tileworks of the late Dr. Mercer, located behind his home (Fonthill Museum) on E. Court Street, Doylestown. Open weekdays 9 to 4:30.

Pennsbury Manor—The beautifully reconstructed home and gardens of William Penn. On the river between Morrisville and Bristol. Open daily from 10 to 4:30. Adults admission, 50 cents; children under 12, free.

Quakertown Municipal Park—On Mill Street. Ice skating rink, picnic tables, fireplaces.

Railroad Museum—On Upper River Road in Yardley, Edwin P. Alexander has a remarkable collection of railroadiana and old toy trains. Open Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 5 p. m. Also by appointment. Admission free.

Ringing Rocks—One & a half miles west of Upper Black Eddy in Bridgeton Township. Four acres of trap rock boulders many of which ring loud and clearly when struck with a hammer. In 1890 a Dr. Ott of Pleasant Valley collected enough to make a musical scale on which he played tunes, accompanied by the Pleasant Valley Band, at a meeting of the Buck Wampum Literary and Historical Association.

Ralph Stover State Park—On Tohickon Creek west of Point Pleasant. A scenic picnic area. Closes at Sundown.

Washington Crossing State Park—One of the nation's major historical shrines, commemorating the famous crossing in 1776. On River Road between Yardley and New Hope. **The Lower Park** is the setting for the boulder marking the embarkation point. The nearby Methodist Church has on display the famed Leutze painting of General George Washington in a big rowboat—from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. **The Upper Park** at Bowman's Hill, 3 miles south of New Hope, has picnic fireplaces and tables and a wildflower preserve. Also of interest: A burial ground for several Continental soldiers. The Thompson-Neely house is open only by appointment. Bird banding every Saturday and Sunday at 4 p. m. Bowman's Tower commands a view of the valley. It closes at sundown. The park is closed at 10 p. m.

EVERY FRIDAY—Square and Folk Dancing at the Washington Crossing Park Pavilion, Washington Crossing, Pa. 7:30 p. m.

AUGUST 2-7—World Premiere of "The Automobile Man" at the Bucks County Playhouse New Hope. 8:30 p. m.

"**She Loves Me Not**" at the Murray Theatre, Princeton Campus, Princeton, N. J. 8:30 p. m.

AUGUST 3-8—"My Maryland" at the Music Circus, Lambertville, N. J. 8:30 p. m.

AUGUST 9-14—"Stalag 17" at the Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope. 8:30 p. m.

"**Two For The Money**" at the Murray Theatre, Princeton Campus, Princeton, N. J. 8:30 p. m.

AUGUST 10-24—"The Boys From Syracuse" at the Music Circus, Lambertville, N. J. 8:30 p. m.

AUGUST 11, 12, 13, 14 and 18, 19, 20, 21—Dublin Fire Company Miniature Fair and Carnival.

AUGUST 16-21—"Two Blind Mice" at the Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope. 8:30 p. m.

"**Twelfth Night**" at the Murray Theatre, Princeton Campus, Princeton, N. J.

AUGUST 17—Trevose Horticultural Society meeting, Community House, Trevose, Pa. 8 p. m.

AUGUST 23-28—World Premiere of "The Champagne Complex" at the Bucks County Playhouse. New Hope. 8:30 p. m.

AUGUST 24-29—"The Countess Maritza" at the Music Circus, Lambertville, N. J. 8:30 p. m.

AUGUST 28—Carversville Fair. On the village square, Carversville, from 3 p. m. on.

AUGUST 30-Sept. 11—"The Day Before Spring" at at the Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope. 8:30 p. m.

AUGUST 31-Sept. 5—"Wish You Were Here" at the Music Circus, Lambertville, N. J.

SEPT. 4—Flemington, N. J. Fair.

SEPT. 9—Most Public Schools Reopen.

ART EXHIBITS

Suzanne Scott. Exhibit of Primitive paintings at the **Delaware Bookshop Gallery,** New Hope, through August. Sundays by Appointment.

Alan Galleries of New York exhibiting sculpture, paintings, etc. at **Charles Fourth Gallery,** New Hope. Through September 26.

Bucks County Artists on exhibit at **The Barn** restaurant at Buckingham on Route 202.

Being restaurants which serve good food, or which have a reputation for so doing. Other names may be added as we travel farther afield, meanwhile these have our approval. We shall appreciate both complaints and suggestions. Note: no liquor is served in Pennsylvania on Sundays.

DOWN THE RIVER

Delaware Oaks—Route 611 at Riegelsville. Noon to 9 p. m. Closed Sunday.

Ewald's Diner—Route 611 at Riegelsville. Every day from 7 a. m. to 1:30 a. m.

Ferndale Hotel—Route 611 at Ferndale. Weekdays, 8 a. m. to midnight. Sundays 11 a. m. to 7 p. m.

The Gobblers—Pt. Pleasant. 11 a. m. to 1:30. 5 to 8. Sandwiches anytime. Bar. Dancing weekends. Closed Sundays.

Black Bass Hotel—River Road at Lumberville. Weekdays noon to 2:30, 6 to 9. Sundays 1 to 9.

Cuttalossa Inn—River Road, Lumberville. Noon to 2, 5:30 to 10. Closed Sundays. Closes Dec. 1 for the winter.

Logan Inn—Ferry Street, New Hope. Noon to 2:15, 6 to 8:45. Closed Sundays.

Playhouse Inn—On the river next to the Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope. Weekdays 11 to 3. 5 till 2 a. m. Sunday 1 to midnight. Food served until closing. Cocktail Lounge.

Tow Path House—Mechanics Street, New Hope. Weekdays noon to 2:30 p. m. 5 to 9:30 p. m. Sundays 1 to 8 p. m. Bar. Closed Mondays.

Canal House—Mechanics Street, New Hope. 6 to 9 p. m. Cocktail Bar. Music. Closed Sundays.

River House—S. River Road, New Hope. Weekdays noon to 2:30, 5 to 9. Sundays noon to 8.

Old Cartwheel Inn—Old York Road West of New Hope. Weekdays Noon to 2:30, 5 to 8 (Saturdays to 9.) Sundays noon to 8. Closed Mondays.

Volare's—Old York Road west of New Hope. 5:30 to 10. Late snacks. Cocktail bar. Closed Sundays.

Tower Tavern—River Road at Bowman's Hill. Daily from 11 a. m. to 2 a. m. Saturdays to midnight. Closed Sundays.

Washington Crossing Inn—Washington Crossing. Weekdays 12 to 2, 5 to 8. Sundays 12 to 7. Closed Mondays.

Jack Hansen's Inn—Old Lincoln Highway, Morrisville. 12 noon to 1 a. m. Closed Sundays.

Pennsbury Inn—Off Bristol Road near Pennsbury Manor. 11:30 a. m. to 10 p. m. Closed Sundays.

Red Lion Inn—Frankford Avenue and City Line, Andalusia. Lunch and Dinner.

UP THE COUNTY

Flannery's Restaurant—Lincoln Highway, Penndell. 10 a. m. to 2 a. m. Saturday 10 a. m. to Midnight. Sunday 10 a. m. to 9 p. m.

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Buck Hotel—Bustleton & Bridgeton Pikes, Feasterville. 11:30 to 3 p. m. 5 to 10 p. m. Closed Sundays.

Pine Tree Inn—Bustleton Pike & Woodland Road, Feasterville. 12 noon to 2 p. m. 4 to 8 p. m. Bar. Closed Sundays.

Temperance House—Washington & State Streets, Newtown. 12 to 2:30, 5 to 8. Sunday 12 to 7. Closed Monday. Beer only.

Lavender Hall—Rt. 532, Newtown. 12:30 to 8:30 p. m. Bar. Open every day.

Vincent's Warrington Inn—Route 611 at Warrington. Weekdays 11:30 a. m. to midnight. Saturdays noon to 9:30. Closed Sundays.

General Greene Inn—At the crossroads in Buckingham. 12 to 2, 5 to 7:30. Closed Sundays.

Stone Manor—Buckingham. Restaurant and Bar. Daily 9 a. m. to 2 a. m. Saturday to midnight. Closed Sundays. Dancing.

The Barn—Buckingham. Lunch and Dinner. 12 noon to 2 a. m. Closed Sundays.

Doylestown Inn—West State Street, Doylestown. Grill room 7 a. m. to midnight, Sunday 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. Dining room 11:30 a. m. to 8 p. m.

Fountain House—N. Main Street, Doylestown. Breakfast 7 to 10:30. Lunch & dinner, noon to 8.

Ed's Diner—Route 202, Doylestown. Open day and night.

Conti's Inn—Cross Keys. Noon to midnight. Closed Sundays.

Countryside Inn—Cross Keys. Noon to midnight. Closed Sundays.

Water Wheel Inn—Old route 611 north of Doylestown. Weekdays 11:30 a. m. to 9 p. m. Saturdays 11:30 a. m. to midnight. Sundays 11:30 a. m. to 8 p. m. Closed Mondays. Cocktail lounge.

Pipersville Inn—Route 413, Pipersville. Noon to 2, 5 to 9. Sunday noon to 8 p. m. Closed Mondays.

Goldie's Restaurant—Route 313 at Dublin. 7 a. m. to 7 p. m. Sundays 8 a. m. to 7 p. m.

Twin Gables—1222 Broad Street, Quakertown. Noon to 9 p. m. (Fridays & Saturdays to midnight, Sundays to 8 p. m.)

Eagle Hotel—Hellertown Avenue & Broad Street, Quakertown. 5 p. m. to midnight, Sunday noon to 7 p. m. Closed Monday & Tuesday.

Perosa Inn—Route 309, Line Lexington. Open noon to midnight. Closed Sundays.

Meyer's Restaurant—Route 309, Quakertown. 8 a. m. to midnight. Fridays to 2 a. m.

Benetz Inn—Route 309, Quakertown. 8 a. m. to Midnight. Sundays 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. Closed Mondays.

Trainer's Restaurant—Route 309, Quakertown. Daily 6:30 a. m. to 12:30 a. m.

Washington House—Route 309, Sellersville.

ACROSS THE RIVER

Colligan's—Stockton, N. J. Weekdays 5 to 11 p. m. Saturdays noon to 11 p. m. Sundays noon to 10. Closed Mondays.

Lambertville House—Bridge Street, Lambertville, N. J. Weekdays: Breakfast 7 to 9; lunch and dinner 11:30 a. m. to 8 p. m. Sundays: breakfast 7:30 to 9; lunch & dinner 11:30 a. m. to 8 p. m.

River's Edge—Lambert Lane, Lambertville, N. J. 5:30 to 10. Supper 11 to 1. Cocktail bar. Closed Sundays.

Landwehr's—River Road, north of Trenton, N. J. Noon to 2 p. m. 5 to 8 p. m. Saturday and Sunday noon to 8 p. m. Closed Monday.

MOTOR TRIPS

Pennsbury

THE "good old summertime" brings out the travel urge in everyone. Bucks County residents, newcomers, neighbors and visitors can find hours of driving enjoyment within easy range. Often we gather the family together and drive aimlessly. This month, if you have the question of "where to go," follow this suggested tour.

If you live in the Doylestown area, travel east (U.S. 202) to *New Hope*, then south along the river (Pa. 32). There are many points worthy of time and interest, but the destination lies farther south.

By-pass the center of *Morrisville* via Delmore Avenue (Pa. 32), turn right onto Philadelphia Avenue (U.S. 13) and travel south through the small industrial area.

About two miles south of Morrisville, you will see a large blue and yellow sign announcing your proximity to the *Pennsbury Pottery*. At this point, cross over two railroad bridges and immediately turn right. The road is not visible while approaching and not obvious by its markings.

The pottery, located on the left, 0.1 mile up the road, is open daily 8 to 6; Sunday 11 to 5. The showroom is situated in the center of the one room building and provides the rare opportunity of seeing a pottery in operation.

Leave the pottery, return over the two bridges to the fork in the road (0.3 mile). As the arrow indicates, turn right to Pennsbury Inn. At the Inn, turn left. The next road junction to the right (0.1 mile) is Pennsbury Memorial Road. This will lead you through the entrance of Pennsbury Manor, the re-created home of William Penn, founder and first governor of Pennsylvania.

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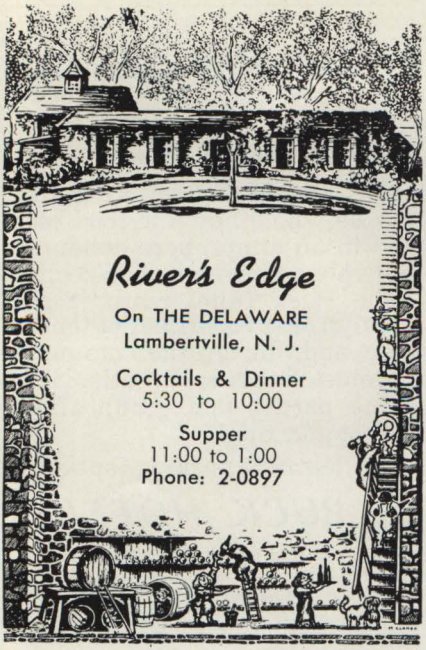

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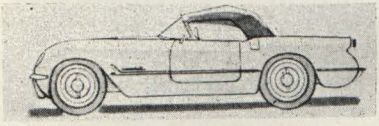

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LEAVE Pennsbury and return to the main road (1.3 miles) and *Tullytown* (2.1 miles). At Tullytown turn left on Main Street to Fallsington Avenue. A right turn off Fallsington will bring you to U. S. 13, directly opposite *Levittown.*

Travel south on U. S. 13, past the site of the *Lower Bucks County Hospital,* then north at the junction with Pa. 413. At the present time construction on the Pennsylvania Turnpike Extension has caused a detour. Although it is only 0.6 mile in length, caution is needed, as the temporary route markings are slightly confusing. Once past this temporary barrier, the road is well marked.

THE route leads through the quiet suburbs of *Penndel* and *Langhorne* to *Newtown.* If you prefer to return by a route other than Pa. 413, turn left in Newtown at the Brick Hotel (Pa. 332). This winding road will delight nature lovers and at 6.5 miles from Newtown the road continues north through rolling farm and woodland areas. At the junction of U. S. 611, a right turn will bring you to the journey's end.

The entire trip takes about 4 hours. An afternoon that will supply the entire family with an arousing pride in the rich heritage of Bucks County. —*B. M. A.*

FACTS & FANCIES

ADAM Thompson, who lived in Plumstead township, must have been a man of substance and ingenuity, for in 1842 he took a trip abroad and returned with the ambition of making a bath tub like the one he had seen in London.

He fashioned it out of wood, large enough to immerse his whole body. He was apparently a big man, for the tub was seven feet long and four feet wide. He installed it in his attic, and contrived to force water up to a storage tank which he placed inside the big stone chimney. The pipes were coiled inside the chimney to warm the water. The tub had an outlet from the rear of the house into the yard below.

On Christmas Day, when the project was completed, Thompson gave a bathtub party and invited his friends to experience the novelty of a warm, all-over scrub. His bathtub (not the party) caused quite an uproar. Doctors attacked the highly dangerous idea of bathing the entire body. Newspapers viewed with alarm the whole impractical idea, predicting that tubs would never come into common use. In Boston citizens were forbidden to take a bath, except on the advice of a physician.

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IN the early 1700's public sales were called *vendues*, and it was the practice of the crier, or auctioneer, to give rum to the bidders, indirectly enhancing the price of the goods. The Quakers frowned mightily on this. Whether it was their disapproval, or an increase in the price of rum, the custom died out. Now the only inducement is the lure of a bargain.

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IN 1820 John George Hohman printed a book called "Pow-Wows; or Long Lost Friend. A Collection of Mysterious and Invaluable Arts and Remedies." It has gone through innumerable editions,

Of The First Family Named in The Book of Arrivals

GEORGE POWNALL, his wife Elinor, five children and three servants arrived in the Delaware River September 28th, 1682. He located 550 acres of his 1000 acre land grant in Solebury Township, about 3 miles north of New Hope, and 250 more acres in Upper Makefield Township near what is now Yardley. He apparently never saw his Solebury tract, for he was killed by the falling of a tree while clearing the Yardley tract just one month and two days after his arrival. His widow was left alone in a strange land with six children, as her sixth child, George Pownall, Jr., was born 11 days after his father's death. This last son George purchased 480 acres of the Solebury tract from his oldest brother Reuben and moved to Solebury February, 1710.

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BRISTOL'S borough charter, granted and signed by Sir William Keith, Governor of Pennsylvania, 234 years ago, provides that it "shall be called The Borough of Bristol forever." Before that the name was Buckingham. Bristol is not only the oldest borough in Bucks County but the oldest in the state. It was the first county seat.

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WORD should be relayed to the bears, which were recently said to be seen near Yardley, that on Haycock mountain, in the northern part of the county, there are some large and vacant black bear dens.

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When I have money I am thirsty.
When I have none I am happy.

Local saying.

Shooting Pigeons

Liar Bachman once saw a limb sitting full of pigeons, and he did not know how to shoot so that he could get them all. Then he shot into the limb from below so that the limb split open, and the pigeons got fast with their feet. But as they began to fly they pulled out the tree, root and all, and flew away with it. So he still lost them.

Horne's Penna. German Manual

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Oh, may we scorn these clothes of flesh,
These fetters and this load;
And long for evening to undress,
That we may rest with God.

Memorial verse to Alice Thomas, "Relic of Edward Thomas" of Quakertown.

—S. M. C.

OVER THE FENCE

THERE are many, many wonderful places to shop and visit around Bucks County. If you're used to the fancier fronts and windows of the city and suburban stores you'd never dream of going in to some of my favorite shops. Let me tell you about a few of them.

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UP in Quakertown, for example, at 215 W. Broad Street, is a narrow little old-fashioned store that runs all the way through the building. It has been a dry goods store ever since the building was built 100 years ago. The counters and wood trim and stairs are in golden oak, the high ceiling is scrolled tin. There are two floors of materials and sewing notions, the like of which I haven't seen outside of the old McCreery's in New York City. For example, Mr. Deaterly has lovely ivory bridal satin for only $2 a yard, and an amazing number of bolts of handsome domestic woolens, machine and hand woven, in lovely colors. His unusual variety of buttons and assorted sewing notions is based on long knowledge. He and his father before him have had the store for 50 years, and have learned a lot about what ladies want. I, for one, found three items I had been looking for for ages. His cottons are wonderful too, with a wide selection of hard-to-find old fashioned prints as well as modern ones.

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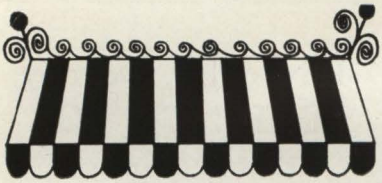

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NOW, let's stop for a moment mid-county in Doylestown. The store is Foster's Goodyear Store at 137 S. Main Street. Kate and John Foster have a wonderful place. John handles all manner of automobile accessories and Goodyear tires, including doing retreads right in the shop. Katie runs a rapidly growing toy shop. Her own delight and enthusiasm with toys and games is as appealing as the things in the shop. I've seen fathers wandering around the store bumping into people while they peered into a toy bombsight. I've seen mothers fingering doll dresses and walking dolls or setting up a miniature kitchen. Kate keeps in constant touch with the toy factories and outlets, going to every show she can, so that she can deliver the newest and keep stocked with the old reliables at any time you or your child should want anything in the toy line. They have a working Lionel train going all year round, and little girls can now buy baking sets including packages of ready-mix cakes just big enough to fill their miniature pans. The equipment is good enough for them to learn to make their cake the real way, too. Incidentally, John shows the youngsters who buy bikes there how to repair and take care of them.

I think that everyone ought to have a copy of the County Road map. They are very easy to get. Simply send 25c and your name and address to the County Commissioner's Office, Administration Building, Doylestown, Pa., and ask them to send you the map. You'll get a much better idea of our nice county just by looking it over. Have lots of fun.

—Juno

BUCKS COUNTY TRAVELER

SOME changes in what printers call the "format" of TRAVELER will be noticed by the reader. We are interested in your reaction, especially in constructive disapproval. If you like the new policy, we hope you will drop two dollars in an envelope addressed to us. The TRAVELER would also make an appropriate Christmas gift this summer.

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ON the Old York Road, between New Hope and Buckingham, a lot, busy with construction, contains the following on a bold sign, "Diner of Tomorrow Coming Soon."

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IN an Alice in Wonderland mood the city fathers of Tullytown solemnly pondered their ancient ordinances last month. Everyone agreed that obsolete laws should be rewritten. They had the Advice of a Lawyer. They could deliberate, and then prod the sleeping Dormouse to give his assent. One ordinance under consideration referred to railroad rights of way long since granted. That ordinance was unanimously repealed. Another, enacted in 1892, prohibited "congregating or loitering in public streets and alleys," in such a way as to be a "public nuisance." The wording is unhappily vague, but Council observed that the ordinance might be useful in maintaining order at the shopping center. Even though its language could permit use of the law for Bad Ends, with a Good Police Force it would be a Good Law. The ordinance was retained.

Tullytown is not the only community with obsolete laws. It is disheartening that a boro council attempted a revision, and so obviously avoided the difficult path of accurate rewording. It seems to be in sympathy with a new national pattern of careless law-making. Prohibitions that could be applied against the innocent are evidently welcome if they solve in any way a problem of security, uniformity or traffic control.

Who is to determine the type of "loitering" that constitutes a "public nuisance"? Might not the modern police official be justified in specifying the same nuisances as his 1892 predecessor—wearing knee-length garments or distributing newspapers on the Sabbath.

As the White Queen remarked, "A slow sort of country. Now, here, you see, it takes all the running you can do, to keep in the same place."

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ONE would usually think of restaurateurs as being narrowly competitive for their slice of the seasonable pie of tourists. In Monte Proser's overly urban Playhouse Inn in New Hope the cocktail lounge murals graphically display the

charms and easiest route to other inns and taverns as far as Newtown to the south and Lumberville to the north.

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COUNTY taxes seem unreasonably high to most taxpayers, according to a rather limited poll we conducted privately. What authority controls the expenditure of that money is apparently also unreasonably remote. At least nine of every ten taxpayers we talked to had notions of county government that stemmed from science fiction rather than a study of civics.

Some thought that a "Judge," rank and manner of selection unknown, directed the fiscal and legislative affairs of the county. Others guessed (for that is what they did) that we had a "president of some sort with a legislature." Still others thought that the County Treasurer exercised an arbitrary prerogative of disbursement. One person weakly dismissed the situation and his own ignorance with a concession of authority to the "Grundy machine."

It is no wonder then that the chief executive body of Bucks County, our three county commissioners, function in a slightly nonchalant way. Recently, one commissioner announced to the press the appointment of a Board of Health controlling a $200,000 fund and a Health Officer at a salary of $12,000. He was one of two Republican commissioners (the political party is actually incidental, when viewed against public indifference). He had apparently secured his Republican colleague's agreement, and, therefore, certain that the Democratic minority commissioner would be outvoted, regardless of his views. The minority commissioner bleated his injured pride briefly, then acquiesced, although he had not been consulted officially or privately.

In May only 26 per cent of the voters cast ballots at the primary election. Apart from the large economic waste, in unnecessary ballots printed, clerks and judges hired for idleness, that vote reflects public unconcern for county politics.

Taxpayers have no complaint if they are so little aware of local government that even the Headless Horseman could be in the county seat of power. Our schools and county press, including this magazine, are partly to blame, and should take steps in concert to enlighten our sadly uninformed local electorate.

THE GAFFNEYS

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". . . and you said it was too hot to dress."

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SENATOR Flanders, of the melodramatic Banquo's Ghost appearance at the McCarthy hearings early this summer, is the author of a proposed amendment to make Christianity our official state religion. Many constitutional amendments are advanced with the rather cynical knowledge that they will be aborted in committee or rejected on the floor. But the Senator from Vermont is evidently sincere.

Apart from the complex legal problems involved with regard to states' rights and the status of minority groups, such offers of parastatal recognition should be rejected by Christian churches. The things of Caesar are truly his. Insofar as any religion is tied to temporal philosophies, it becomes corrupt from its purpose, compromising and stagnant.

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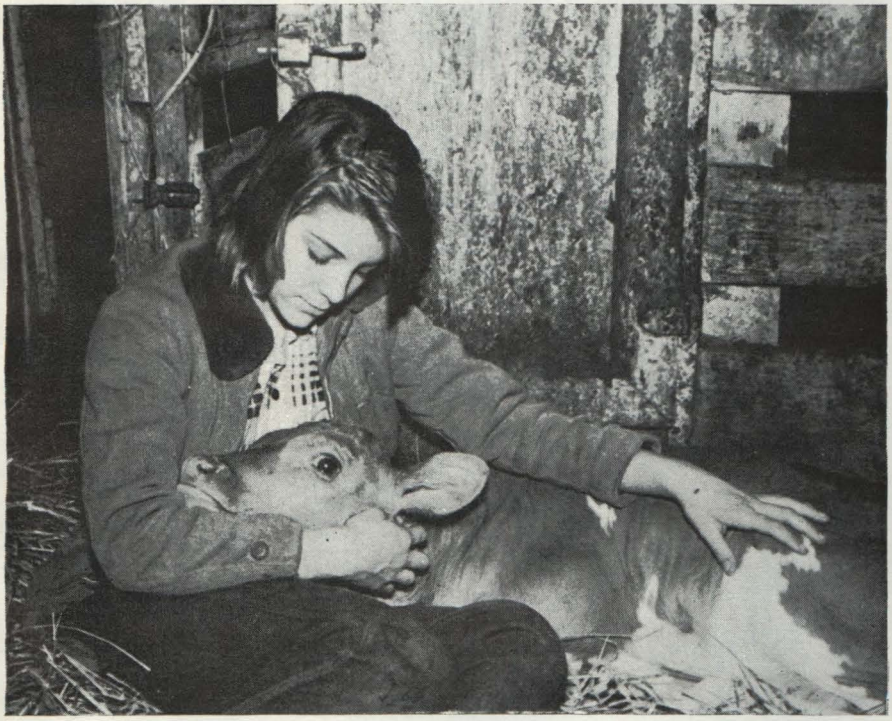
Oft has the weary Printer locked
Death's daily record in his chase,
Now Death has locked the Printer up
Within his cold and sad embrace!

Memorial verse to a 19th century Doylestown printer named Briggs.

SCENES & FACES



Feeding the Calf

—Carl Breuker, Solebury

Old Mill

—Naomi Savage, Lambertville, N. J.

Barge Party, 1934

—Joe Forsythe, New Hope

Durham Village Bridge
Warren Buck, Quakertown

Although Bucks County has more covered bridges than most areas, the rate of disappearance is alarming. There are eight county-owned bridges, three owned by townships, two by the State and two on private property. On Page 39 of this issue Statistics reports the threatened removal of the Erwinna Bridge. While some removals have been warranted by changing traffic conditions, too often the bridges are permitted to decay and then condemned to avoid maintenance. County residents should join the efforts of any local, county or national organizations to preserve our covered bridges.

PEOPLE

" . . . confessing Anne's Contribution"

NOT long ago a Mrs. John Matthews appeared on Bob Brugger's WBUX luncheon program in Doylestown. For the next two weeks the fan-mail of that popular half hour nearly quadrupled. A typical letter explains the sensation. An elderly woman wrote Brugger warmly thanking him, "God bless you for bringing Stella Dallas to Bucks County."

Anne Matthews has been the voice of Stella Dallas on radio since the inception of the program in the 1930's. To judge by the reaction of her listeners, she is also the soul of Stella.

The program is presented on NBC at 4:15 p. m. (EDT) five afternoons a week, which makes the total number of episodes slightly under 5,000 since the first broadcast. Based on a novel by Olive Higgins Prouty that appeared in 1922, the character Stella Dallas has also appeared in three movies, the last of which starred Barbara Stanwyck. Because the present script writer is Anne Hummert, people who like to be on the "inside" think that Anne Matthews prepares her own scripts. She doesn't, although at times she feels like doing so.

Despite unashamedly stock characterizations ("wealthy, insane Ada Dexter") and over-worked tricks of suspense ("I'm going to kill you, Stella," followed by violent discords on a Hammond organ), the program has a following whose enthusiasm nearly exceeds its credulity. In recent years, radio ratings show that the program has lost some of its audience to television, but in March of this year nearly 30% of people listening to radio at the time of the program were listening to Stella.

ANNE does not record the program, nor has another voice ever been substituted for Stella. She has had one illness and only a few days vacation since the program began. At those times she is "written out" of the script.

This energetic loyalty is typical of her personal life. Residents of Stockton, N. J., where she and Jack Matthews have lived for fifteen years, see her almost always on the run. In addition to her daily trip to New York for her broadcast, she makes public appearances and often appears on other radio programs. She is an enthusiastic sportswoman, joining her husband on hunting parties and finding her fishing pleasures from "going after perch in our little lake with a bent pin" to flying to Florida where she once caught four giant sailfish in as many days. To add to her burdens, she and Jack, with Dick Phillips, bought the River's Edge Restaurant in Lambertville. She now combines her broadcasting appointments with shopping for specialties required by Firmin DuPont, the exacting chef that River's Edge acquired after the closing of the Lafayette Hotel in New York. Although she likes good food eaten in leisure, Anne is more apt to be munching a sandwich while being driven through the Holland Tunnel or forgetting to eat at all.

HER attraction to the theatre began early. She performed for her mother and father every evening in their home in Lake Charles, Louisiana, carefully imitating the members of the family and all the guests. She now wonders "how they stood me." Although neither is living, Anne still talks of them as if in gratitude for a supernatural gift of perfect parents.

Even after an early and successful break into the New York theatre as star of Lula Vollmer's "Sun-Up," Anne was more concerned with publication of her father's poetry than for her own career. She still refers to him with a southern "Daddy." An amateur poet, Jo Elstner himself would only call his poetry "Borderline Stuff." To one volume he added a special preface "confessing Anne's contribution." His handwriting is like careful calligraphy, and the poetry shows a conservative, but authentic lyric feeling, "Here are some vagrant leaves from the vale of Fancy's land."

Anne has retained her childhood ability as a mimic. Her husband's soft, deep, Maryland voice will suddenly be heard so convincingly that it is a test of the senses to believe the sound came from the slight and feminine Anne.

Her stories of her maid, Violet, are accompanied with an accurate and gentle imitation. Violet once argued ineffectually against the use of an expensive new rice, even though Anne assured her the directions on the package guaranteed its quality. When served, the rice looked like wet flour and tasted like oatmeal. Violet's explanation was that "you was goin' by the readin', I was goin' by the rice."

VIOLET'S wisdom is empirical and visual rather than schooled, and is often profound. This is what makes her so admirable to Anne, who is drawn to the elemental and simple in people and their thinking.

Anne explains the popularity of Stella Dallas by pointing out that "mother love" is an infallible dramatic formula. It is possible, however, that there is an appeal even more basic. That of deep, unassailable faith.

When she imitates Stella, the submergence of Anne Matthews is complete. One forgets her roles as busy mistress of a 200 year old home, restaurant owner, sportswoman, and her gently bred Louisiana background, as the calm rough voice of Stella is heard. With all of her troubles, her poor education and financial struggles, Stella seems as secure as the rock of ages. That this surety is fictional doesn't deter Anne and her millions of listeners from endowing Stella Dallas with a reality that seems for them more vivid at times than their own lives. To others this fervent belief in an illusion seems almost a desperate denial of everyday living. But the secret of Stella is faith, both as a rejection of ugliness and confusion, and as a rock on which to build.

WHEN asked her political views, Anne will answer firmly, "I am an American." To many people such a statement is more of a truism than a definition of political beliefs, for, in fact, all citizens are "Americans," until they lose that honor by legal action or their own short-sighted choice. It is apparent that such a definition of political creed also includes many attitudes and opinions of foreign and domestic policy, economic systems, education, and even religion and personal conduct. Her unspoken assumption is that any disagreement with a part is an attack on the whole definition, and, therefore, "un-American."

This oversimplification could contain attitudes dangerous to both eccentricity and free inquiry. Its proponents seem to derive the satisfaction of an apparently basic, all-inclusive truth in a world that is too full of complexities and competing values. Such an attitude may be a part of the search for strength that has made Stella Dallas such a real symbol for millions of people. In fact, Anne Matthews will slip from the reality of her own belief into that nearly vivid world and say, "tell them that Stella is an American, too."

—*M. W. C*

NEXT MONTH

(We move back nearly one hundred years into Bucks County history for our next sketch of PEOPLE. Albert Large, the "Wild Man" of Buckingham, is the subject. Ed.)

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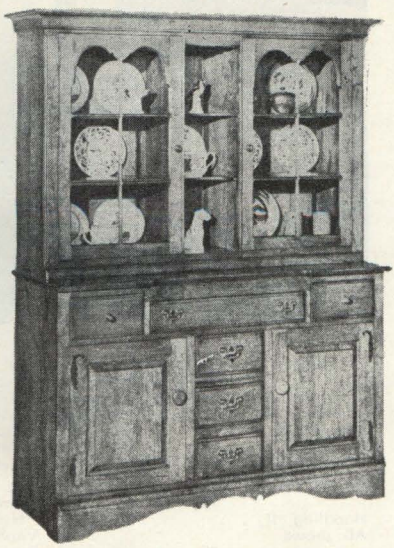

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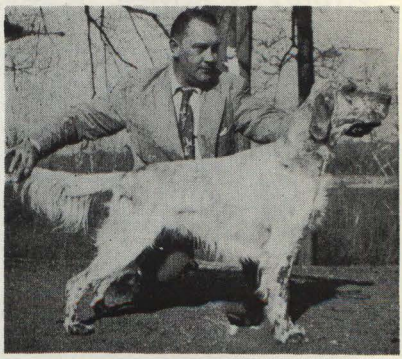

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You may be interested to know that a Bucks County neighbor, Mrs. Margarit V. Fischer of Waldenmark Kennels, Newtown, R. D. 2, won Best of Breed and also Best of Opposite Sex with her dogs this May at the largest Shepherd specialty show ever held in the Eastern Seaboard area. The judge was Herr Heinz Roeper of Germany, and her winning dogs were: 1952 Grand Victor Ch. Ingo Unschelrute, and 1952 Grand Victrix Ch. Afra Von Heilholtkamp. Congratulations, Mrs. Fischer!

—C. & J. Kieffer

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Niagara Falls Kennel Club. Niagara Falls, N. Y.

AUGUST 8—Wachusett Kennel Club. Leominster, N. Y.

AUGUST 14—Southern Adirondack Dog Club. Amsteram, N. Y.

AUGUST 15—Adirondack Kennel Club. Lake Placid, N. Y.

AUGUST 21—North Shore Kennel Club. Hamilton, Mass.

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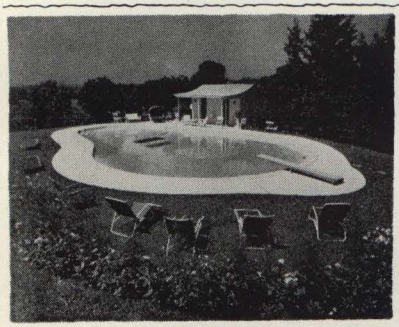

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THE ARTS

ARTISTS of Bucks and Hunterdon Counties came in for a lot of attention last month—with 771 persons paying 25 cents admission to the big and excellent exhibition at the New Hope Fair, and more hundreds inspecting the paintings and sculpture at the Tinicum Art Festival. A most imposing one-man show last month was Clarence H. Carter's strong and powerful retrospective at the Delaware Book Shop Gallery in New Hope. At the Charles-Fourth Gallery in New Hope there is a summerlong exhibit of works by young moderns represented by the Alan Gallery in New York. It's well worth seeing. On the historical side, collector L. L. Beans of Trenton has discovered a lost landscape by Joseph Pickett, Bucks County's primitive artist who died in 1917.

THE writers have been busy this past month. Lawrence P. Lessing of Upper Black Eddy had a beautifully written piece on pure metals in the July *Scientific American*. Craig Thompson of Erwinna is working on an article about Levittown. Jim Michener, home for the Tinicum Festival, took off for Southeast Asia. Pearl Buck's autobiography, due to be published soon, has been snapped up by the *Reader's Digest*. Budd Schulberg is considering turning his fine novel, "The Disenchanted," into a Broadway play—with Elia Kazan and Harvey Breit as coworkers. Henry Freking, associate editor of TRAVELER, now is publishing the quarterly *Lehigh Valley Traveler*. Frederick Ramsey, Jr., has published an excellent guide to long play jazz records.

VARIETY. Bucks County Playhouse and Music Circus report record business this summer . . . Bob Brugger's new 7:10 a. m. program on WBUX is called the "Too Early Show." . . . —*A. W.*

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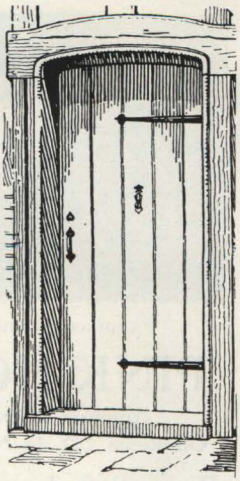

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COUNTY COLLECTIONS

BY now all of us know Pearl Buck as an internationally known authoress of both fiction and non-fiction books, usually with a Chinese background, and as the winner of the Pulitzer, Nobel and many other awards for her best sellers, including the *Good Earth, Mother,* and *Exile.* Then many of us know her and Richard Walsh, her husband, president of the John Day publishing company, as good neighbors in Bucks County and the energetic sponsors of Welcome House for children.

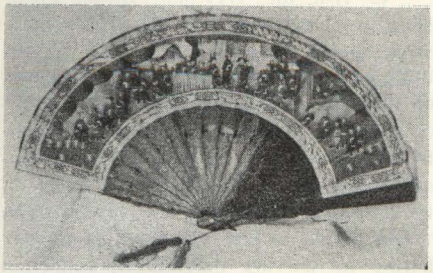
Few have seen their fabulous fan collection. This will come as a surprise to those who know them well, as one of the secrets of the inviting calm beauty of the Walsh home is that it is almost devoid of so-called dust-catchers.

These Chinese fans have been removed from the blades and mounted on cardboard, thus they are easily kept in a large drawer, in spite of the great numbers of them. Most are of beautiful landscapes, with a few showing birds, insects, fish, flowers, fruit, animals and, rarely, people. All are signed with the artist's seal, and some have a few verses written by the artist to the person receiving the fan. In spite of their antiquity (some date as far back as the 14th Century), the colors are still brilliant.

THE folding fan is thought to have been introduced into China around 900 a. d. It is made of two parts; the stick, which consists of a varying number of blades that fold between the two end guards, and the mount, which is the covering of the upper ends of the sticks and the blades. Fans are indeed an important part of the dress of the Chinese, even a gentleman sleeves a small fan inside the cuff of his mandarin garment.

The illustration, although not one of the Walsh collection, is an excellent example

of the fan makers' workmanship, and typical of several of the more than two hundred collected by the Walshes. This fan is of paper, mounted on black lacquered blades. Human figures are painted in different attitudes. Their clothing is of real cloth pasted into position, and



Hommel Collection

the tiny faces are carved bits of ivory. The facial features are painted on these ivory ovals, which are also pasted on the paper. Both sides of the fan have been executed in the same fashion.

THIS priceless collection becomes almost insignificant when viewed against the joint activity of Pearl Buck and Richard Walsh in Welcome House.

This is a child welfare organization offering foster home care for Asian-American children referred to as "unadoptable" by social agencies in the field. During the last two decades, the increasing acceptance of adoption as part of our social system has greatly alleviated the problem of the homeless child. However, among the children still considered unadoptable are those whose blood is partly Asiatic. Often rejected because of prejudice against dark skin or "slanting" eyes, they are equally rejected by their oriental relatives because "tainted" with western blood. At Welcome House, a large stone farm house near the village of Dublin, such children live in a family atmosphere and in an intellectually stimulating environment.

The idea of Welcome House originated with Pearl, who lived many years in the Orient. Recognizing the futility of handling these Asian-American children in a haphazard manner, she broached the idea to her husband and to the Kermit Fischers of Doylestown. Both families became en-

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thusiastic. The Walshes have adopted five children, and the Fischers three. Subsequently, other families have adopted children from Welcome House, and individuals have contributed financially and with their energies to the project.

RESIDENTS and visitors alike are urged to visit the Welcome House Thrift Shop in Doylestown at 17 West State Street, below Kenny's News Store. Everything sold from this shop is for the benefit of Welcome House, which is a non-profit corporation. Incidentally, individual contributions are tax deductible. Inquiries are invited to Welcome House, R. D. 3, Perkasie, Pa. The phone is Dublin 4519.

Our thanks to Pearl Buck for generously letting us see her magnificent collection and for the information about Welcome House. Many think of this philanthropic project as having started only several years ago. I believe it really began in the broken heart of a wonderful woman, who discovered that a certain very dear little child was never to grow up.

—Martha Hill Hommel

Fishing Party Long Ago

Strange as the clothing, especially that of the ladies, appears to us today, the above party was on a real fishing expedition, complete with outdoor cooking and tent.

The picture was taken in 1900 and shows Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Tice, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Deiley, William Wimmer and Birdie and Florence Tice. Florence, the smallest of the children, is now Mrs. Florence Knauss of Quakertown.

FISH & GAME

HUNTING and fishing in Bucks County? Is it possible to find these sports in such a heavily populated area? This may well be the question put to older residents by the many newcomers who have recently come here.

As an old timer and life-long resident, who has hunted and fished throughout the county, it is still possible for me to give an affirmative answer. There is fair hunting and fishing to be found here, and, rather surprisingly, even big game hunting. We have a fine herd of deer. Due to strict protective laws and the disappearance of the more destructive natural enemies like the bob-cat, there are probably as many as were here when the first settlers arrived. It is also probable that we have more small game at present than in pre-colonial times, especially rabbit. Squirrels are plentiful in the wooded areas.

The county is noted throughout the state for ring-necked pheasant hunting. Ruffed grouse, quail and woodcock are less plentiful today, but may still be found in some areas. In addition, available game includes possum, skunk, coon, muskrat and some mink. The more than ten thousand hunting licenses issued each year in the county are clear testimony that good hunting exits.

FISHING can be found in good measure. The Delaware River is gradually becoming a good fishing area again, since the pollution problem has been largely corrected. There are four or five major streams, besides many smaller ones, containing trout, bass, pickerel and the so-called pan fishes in quantity.

It will be the purpose of this column to describe these areas and their possibilities for hunting and fishing in detail in subsequent issues.

—Pickerel

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MOLDING statuettes from sugar and egg white is almost a lost art in this country. Among the few pastry chefs who are still masters is Rudy Dudda of the Doylestown Inn. For the sesqui-centennial of Philadelphia he duplicated the famous Liberty Bell, complete with sugar clapper. Despite an explanatory sign, the public believed it to be cast plaster. Four years ago, Dudda reproduced the bell for a bond drive in Doylestown, and used edible copper and gold coloring. For some reason it was then accepted as sugar.

A three-tiered wedding cake made for a friend took five patient weeks, from the first pound-cake layer to the four columns with elaborate sugar tower and, a special triumph, a cupid standing on one foot. The molding of the figures must be done section by section with intervals for drying. Rudy has been commissioned to make a cake with edible horses and riders, a huge hollow cake in the shape of a balloon, and even one in the shape of a coffin.

HE enjoys the many compliments passed back to his pastry kitchen, but regrets the small demand for complicated pastries. "Public tastes are simple," he says with resignation, "they never get tired of pie." Last year he used 80 bushels during the peach season, two tons of pumpkins in the fall, and this spring 1,200 bunches of rhubarb.

His most urgent advice is that "good ingredients create their own flavor." Incidentally, he doesn't have a drop of vanilla in his kitchen. His special dislike is commercial whipped cream, which he points out is deceptively over-charged with air.

Rudy is submitting for our readers his own flaky pie crust and an ingenious development for custard filling that has never before been published.

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Doylestown Inn
Rudy Dudda, Pastry Chef

Basic Custard Pie

FLAKEY PIE CRUST:

12 oz. flour
salt
8 oz. shortening
iced water

Use a 66% dough, 3 parts flour to 2 parts shortening. Rudy uses leaf lard only, softened to room temperature in even the hottest weather. Mix shortening and flour by hand, adding a good pinch of salt and small amount of iced water. Do not use tepid water. Mix very quickly until white flour still shows in spots, and is not completely permeated with shortening or water. Rudy can mix 14 lbs. of shortening and 21 lbs. of flour to this first consistency in less than a minute. Set in refrigerator until stiff enough to work, several hours generally. Extra dough may be left in the refrigerator for days. It actually improves with aging. When ready to make crust, work it smooth and roll out into bottom crust only for custard pies. With this formula the pie pan won't need greasing.

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CUSTARD FILLING:

½ oz. tapioca flour
1 qt. milk
4 oz. sugar
2 tbls. vegetable oil
5 eggs
pinch of salt

Flour is necessary to prevent custard from cooking too quickly and becoming "scrambled eggs." However, flour, being heavier than the other ingredients, often sinks to the bottom, forming a soggy pale line between custard and crust. To avoid this, use tapioca flour (or, if unavailable, cornstarch). Soak it for a few minutes in oil, without stirring. Add sugar and salt. Drop in eggs and mix well with beater. Let stand several hours (preferably overnight). When ready to bake, add milk that is at least room temperature, preferably slightly warmed. Cold ingredients thrust into a 400-450 oven carry an envelope of cold air that prevents even baking. Pour into pie shells and bake. This filling may be used with flavoring or fruit. If chocolate is used, melt first in slight amount of hot water.

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REPORTS
LOWER BUCKS

ON these lazy hot August days when the temperature in Lower Bucks County seems to climb to the upper nineties and stay there, we can always remind ourselves that it is hotter in other places. In Libya, North Africa, for example, the temperature scoots up to 189 in the shade.

We don't know whether the Libyans go for drive-in movies, iced tea and dairy bars. If Hollywood depicts them correctly, they wear open toed sandals, sheets, and are too involved in international intrigue to notice the heat.

Down around Levittown and Fairless Hills the residents feel the rays of the sun from early morning until night, for the majority live in homes without shade trees. Discussion centers around the best methods of keeping cool. For families with relatives in northern Canada, Alaska or Iceland the answer is obvious.

THE few families who have air conditioned their homes are also barred from the conversation. For the rest, ingenuity is advised, such as using your youngster's wading pool while he is napping, watching someone mow the lawn on a hot day, or cooling off in the deep freeze.

Some families have built sun porches and arbors. Others, with an eye to future summers, began planting trees around their homes. Most of the trees were removed when building of the towns first began. Dense woods, areas of shade, harboring violets, wild ferns and flowers, disappeared when the giant bulldozers came in and flattened the earth. Recently the builders seem to be conserving some of the ancient oak and maples.

A few shrubs and plants came with the Levittown and Fairless Hills homes, but most of the landscaping is done by the individual owner. Many of the men have become amateur horticulturists. Enthusiastic garden clubs thrive in both communities. The person who had trouble distinguishing a jonquil from a daffodil now discusses with authority such matters as the possibility of transplanting trees in the late spring or the best methods of pruning and trimming.

MANY of the men took young trees from nearby woods for their yards, dogwood, maple, oak and beech. Now that summer is here, the trees that looked so large in the cool October weather when they were transplanted seem dwarf size as the late summer sun sends shafts of heat through the branches.

In Fairless Hills one group of homes is shadowed by tall trees beside a slow winding creek. In the summer the boys and their dogs play around the area. That part of town seems old and very quiet. Any one of the boys could be a Tom Sawyer on a raft with an unconquered land of make-believe to explore.

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MORRISVILLE has grown in the past few years. Many new homes have been added to the town and its neighboring communities. Industries have been built near by, covering such a diversified list as combs and mattresses and plumbing equipment. One important industry has been omitted. As yet there is no mustache factory.

During the May days of the preparation for the town's sesqui-centennial, the Morrisville men grew beards and mustaches. Those caught without a beard were promptly fined. The fashion, which grew overnight, gave the beardless men little time to grow their own. So they dashed out and bought mustaches at $2.94 apiece.

Some of the men were rather particular. One gentleman wanted matching eyebrows, another wanted a white mustache with an artistic tobacco stain. Morrisville missed the boat this year, but in fifty years they will have a bi-centennial. By that time they should be able to have a factory that specializes in making all kinds of stains on white mustaches. —*Joanne*

REPORTS
THE COUNTY SEAT

PRESENT trends seem to indicate the newly-organized Republican Campaign Committee of Bucks County will assume reins of the GOP . . . State Senator Edward B. Watson, who seeks reelection, is still county chairman, but George A. Kirkory will probably "call the shots" for the well-entrenched but worried Republicans . . . The committee will urge voters to register, as it is estimated that 25 percent of eligible voters are not registered . . . Doylestown Daily Intelligencer, Newtown Enterprise and Bristol Courier, always integral parts of the Grundy movement, have been sold for a reported $900,000 . . . The papers will undoubtedly remain on the elephant trail, since it is not likely that Senator Grundy would permit his herd to be without a "trumpet."

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PLANS for a new courthouse in Doylestown are proceeding smoothly. Apparently the "winds" from Lower Bucks have exhausted their store of illogical reasons for placing the proposed $3,000,000 building at their end of the county.

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BISHOP Primate of Norway, Eivind Berggrav, offered faith as remedy for world's illness . . . His Point Pleasant message to 350 invited Lutheran clergymen and laymen showed singlemindedness of view, humility before the enigmas of life and a deep faith, all braced by a sort of barbed stubborness. He is author of "Man and State."

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THE "President's Own," the U. S. Marine Band, will play in Doylestown on Sept. 13 for the benefit of the Kiwanis Youth Service Fund . . . a first for the county . . . One hundred seventy-five Doylestown borough taxpayers face visits from the justice of the peace for failure to pay the $15 per capita school tax . . . total amount $2,685. —*Tacitus*

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In a more literal sense, August is the month for harvesting the season's produce. It is the perfect time for collecting herbs, which, when properly cured and stored (an amazingly simple process) and administered (an amazingly complex process) can transform even the lazy cook's quick-thawed victuals into acceptable meals.

HARVESTING of herbs is best accomplished in the early hours of a dry, clear (August) morning, just after the dew has disappeared and before the sun has begun to heat the plants. Steal out quietly and lurk in readiness with shears and string. The shears for shearing, of course, and the string for tieing the shearings together in orderly bunches (which should be carefully labelled, since all herbs look infuriatingly alike when dried and crumbled). Place the bunches in a dry, cool, airy place for two weeks, thence into airtight jars with as quaint labels as you like, and there you are.

Herbs, like most things in life, are better when fresh, but one can reap pleasure from old dried herbs if stored and used properly. Chives seem to be an exception: they are not curable—in any sense of the word—but one can pot them, bring them into the kitchen, and harvest them all winter. —J. S. B.

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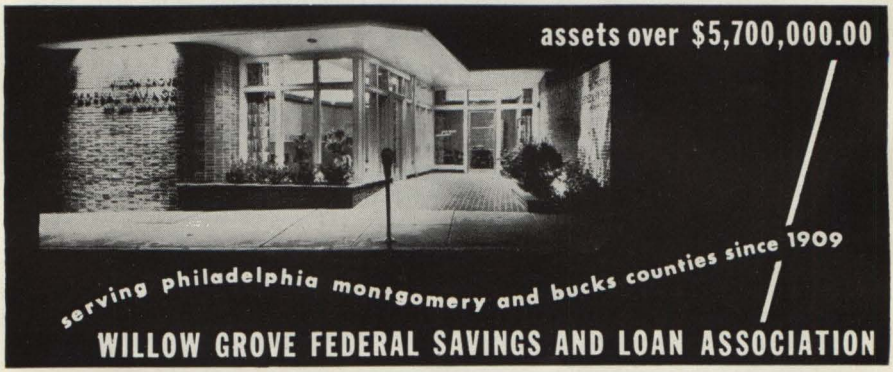

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THE most notable change in the county scene in some years came July 1, when Stanley W. Calkins from western Pennsylvania took over the three powerful Bucks County papers owned by aging (91) Republican leader Joseph R. Grundy of Bristol. You'll find more about this in the *Doylestown Report* on page 36.

Meanwhile, politics. The County Commission picked a 5-man Board of Health to run (without pay) the new $170,000 a year County Health Department. Democrat minority Commissioner John Welsh had no objection to the board *per se*, which is headed by Doylestown Dr. William I. Westcott—but he complained he hadn't been consulted in the matter. Welsh, incidentally, beat back an attempt by Lower Bucks Democrats to take over party control at the biennial meeting June 30th. The vote: 139-60. "Next time," Johnny said, "they can have it." (At the same meeting, Democratic Walter Farley of Langhorne protested that President Eisenhower had fired him from his job as U. S. Marshall for 9 Eastern Pennsylvania counties, and was replacing him with a Philadelphia Republican.)

OTHER CHANGES: A pleasure barge will be operating on the Delaware Canal between New Hope and Lumberville sometime this fall . . . The covered bridge at Erwinna probably will be torn down to make way for a new road . . . And Philadelphia's Chamber of Commerce estimated the number of dwelling units in Bucks County had jumped from 30,600 in 1940 to 63,500 in 1954 . . .

OBITUARY

SARAH M. JAMES, ninetyish benefactress, died June 27th, leaving to Doylestown Village Improvement Assn. the handsome home she kept furnished but unoccupied for years, visited daily as a shrine.

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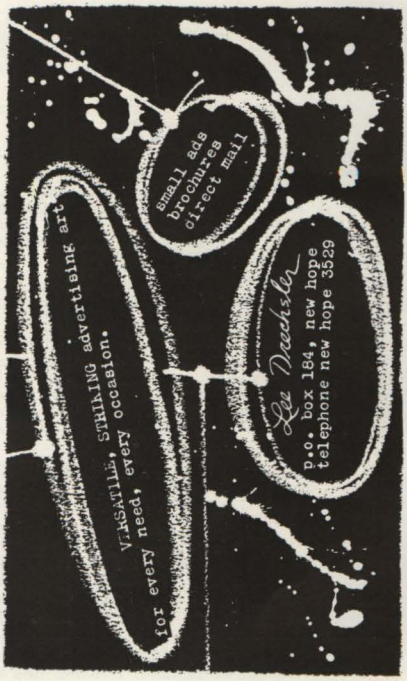

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